

AP 10991

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

SEP 28 2007

REMARKS**Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112**

Claims 11-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention because claim 11 lacked the step of actually determining a differential pressure where the preamble referred to a method of determining a differential pressure. Claims 12-20 were rejected under this section due to their dependency on claim 11.

Claim 11 has been amended to include the step of "calculating the differential pressure from the hydraulic force."

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 101

Claims 11-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for being directed to non-statutory subject matter for the same reason as above, i.e. that claim 11 lacked the step of actually determining a differential pressure where the preamble referred to a method of determining a differential pressure.

Claim 11 has been amended to include the step of "calculating the differential pressure from the hydraulic force." This amendment should cure these two rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 and under 35 U.S.C. §101.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 11-14 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. patent No. 5,012,722 to McCormick.

Since claim 15, which depended on claim 11, was indicated to be patentable if rewritten in independent form, provided that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 and under 35 U.S.C. §101 be overcome, the limitations of claim 15 have been included in claim 11. Claim 11 as amended now represents former claim 15 with the added step of determining the differential pressure. Accordingly, claim 15 has been canceled and all claims originally dependent on claim 15 have been amended to depend on claim 11.

Claim 21 has been canceled.

AP 10991

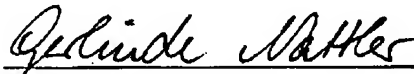
RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

SEP 28 2007

Conclusion

Applicant believes that all rejections have been overcome by the present amendment because claim 11 has been amended to overcome all rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), 35 U.S.C. §112 and under 35 U.S.C. §101, and all other pending claims directly or indirectly depend on claim 11.

Respectfully submitted,



Berlinda M. Nattler
Registration No. 51,272
Continental Teves, Inc.
One Continental Drive
Auburn Hills, MI 48326
(248) 393-8721
Agent for Applicants